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SUBJECT: PROCESSING OF ROMANIANS IN ITALY FOR
RESETTLEMENT IN US (TCP PROGRAM)

REFS: A) ROME 11172; B) BUCHAREST 4172 (NOTAL);
C) ROME 11712

1. REF A RELAYS EMBASSY ROME REPORT OF GOI APPROACH FOR
A RESTATEMENT OF USG REQUEST FOR ITALIAN COOPERATION IN
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PROCESSING CERTAIN ROMANIANS FOR SETTLEMENT IN THE US,

WHILE REF B PROVIDES EMBASSY BUCHAREST'S SUMMARY OF STATUS OF PROGRAM TO DATE AND ESTIMATE OF FUTURE TCP PARTICIPANTS. DEPARTMENT FEELS STRONGLY THAT CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT, IN LIGHT BOTH OF HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS AND OF THE REQUIREMENT IMPOSED BY TITLE IV (JACKSON-VANIK) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 FOR A CONTINUING REVIEW OF ROMANIAN EMIGRATION BY THE PRESIDENT AND BY THE CONGRESS. INS ALSO CONCURS IN CONTINUATION OF THE TCP PROGRAM. OF COURSE, CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF TCE SELECTION CRITERIA BY EMBASSY BUCHAREST AND CONTINUING CAREFUL SCREENING OF TCP PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ARRIVING IN ROME CONTINUE TO THE US.

2. THE ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT UNAVAILABILITY OF NON-PREFERENCE NUMBERS FOR APPLICANTS WITH PRIORITY DATES BEFORE 1/1/76, A SITUATION WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO IMPROVE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR ON OCTOBER 1. THERE IS THEREFORE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE LIMITED CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS, WHICH MUST BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. ACCORDINGLY, NO ONE SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED AS A ROMANIAN TCP UNTIL ROME CAN PROVIDE ASSURANCES THAT NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE AND THAT THE CASE CAN BE PROCESSED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

3. FOR ROME: DEPARTMENT THEREFORE REQUESTS ROME FORWARD LETTER TO APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL EXPRESSING OUR GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION BY ITALIAN EMBASSY BUCHAREST AND OTHER OFFICIAL ITALIAN AGENCIES IN ENSURING THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THIS PROGRAM SINCE LAST DECEMBER. LETTER SHOULD STATE THAT THE US BELIEVES CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT ON BOTH HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL GROUNDS, AND IS THEREFORE REQUESTING CONTINUED GOI COOPERATION IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. IN RESPONSE TO ITALIAN REQUEST FOR AN ESTIMATE OF THE APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF FUTURE PARTICIPANTS, LETTER SHOULD STATE THAT OUR EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST ESTIMATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE FLOW WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME AT ABOUT THE CURRENT RATE; WHILE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN OF PRECISE NUMBERS, WE BELIEVE THAT IN NEXT TWELVE MONTHS ABOUT 250-300 PERSONS WILL PROBABLY TRANSIT ROME. LETTER SHOULD ALSO REITERATE US INTENTION TO CONTINUE CAREFUL PRE-SCREENING PROCESS IN BUCHAREST WHICH TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS ENSURED THAT NOT ONE OF THE 142 PERSONS SUBJECT TO TCP PROCESSING

FROM DECEMBER 1, 1975 THROUGH JULY 15, 1976 HAVE
BEEN STRANDED IN ITALY.

4. SHOULD ITALIANS ASK WHETHER LETTER AS PHRASED
THUSLY MEANS US IS REQUESTING ITALIAN AGREEMENT FOR
CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OR
FOR-ONE YEAR ONLY, EMBASSY MAY RESPOND THAT WE-FORESEE
A DEFINITE NEED FOR-THE PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER TWELVE
MONTHS, I.E., THROUGH JUNE 30, 1977, AND THAT THERE
MAY WELL BE A REQUIREMENT THEREAFTER WHICH HOWEVER
WE CANNOT ASSESS PRECISELY AT THIS TIME. IF GOI
INSISTS THAT APPROVAL FOR CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM
MUST BE FOR DEFINED TIME PERIOD, LETTER CAN BE
INTERPRETED AS INDICATING OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT

RENEWED REQUEST WOULD BE NEEDED AFTER JUNE 1977. WE
WOULD OF COURSE HOPE THAT IF REQUESTED BY US, RENEWED
ITALIAN AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM WOULD BE FORTHCOMING
AT THAT TIME, AND EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR TO
GOI.

5. FOR BUCHAREST: IF IN YOUR JUDGMENT YOU BELIEVE
NOTIFICATION TO GOR THAT PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE IS
INDICATED, PLEASE DO SO.

6. DEPARTMENT ALSO WISHES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO COMMEND ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE TCP PROGRAM
AT EMBASSY BUCHAREST, EMBASSY ROME AND WITH INS ROME
WHOSE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF TCP PROCEDURES HAS
ENSURED SMOOTH WORKING OF THE PROGRAM TO THE CON-
SIDERABLE BENEFIT OF THE UNITED STATES. ROBINSON

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